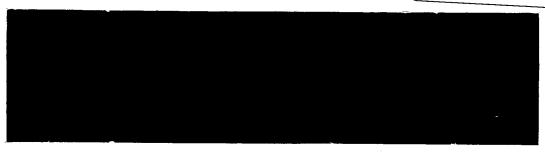


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Mr. Harold Byer U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 841 Chestnut Building Ninth and Chestnut Streets Philadelphia, PA 19107

Subject:

Non-sampling Site Reconnaissance Summary Report

TDD No. F3-8606-07 Ford Motor Company Chester, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Byer:

NUS FIT III was tasked to conduct a Non-sampling Site Reconnaissance for the subject site. Based on our review of available data and the site visit, we have concluded that EPA should consider the following:

o No further action should be taken at this site by EPA at this time.

#### **Background Information**

The site consists of approximately 56 acres in Chester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, which Ford operated from 1927 until 1961. The site included an 11-acre "burning pit," which was filled in with construction debris and leveled prior to 1951. The pit lies in an area of low ground behind a wooden bulkhead adjacent to the Delaware River. The wastes that were disposed of at the pit were organics, inorganics, solvents, heavy metals, and paint sludges. In 1961, the site was sold to the Reynolds Metal Company, Electric Wire and Cable Plant. No wastes were disposed on site by Reynolds and the pit remained unused. In 1981, the site was sold to its current owners, the Delaware County Economic Development Center, Incorporated, and was renamed the Riverbridge Industrial Center. The pit area is presently vacant and vegetated.

Land use in the site vicinity is predominantly residential and industrial. The nearest home is 300 feet from the site.



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#### **Contacts**

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#### At the Site

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### **Drinking Water Supply**

All residents within the three-mile radius of the site are served by public water companies. The Chester Water Authority serves the area west of Ridley Creek, including the site. The Philadelphia Suburban Water Company supplies water east of Ridley Creek. There are no private wells in the subject area.

#### **Geology Information**

Occupying a region within the Coastal Plain Physiographic Province, the Ford Motor Company lies along the flood plain of the Delaware River. As such, the site is immediately underlain by unconsolidated sedimentary material, referred to as the Trenton gravel. These low-lying gravels are described as gray to pale reddish-brown, very gravelly sand, with interbedded sand and clay silt layers. As a result of their mode of deposition, these materials grade rapidly into one another both laterally and vertically.

Found beneath the Trenton gravel and representing the oldest exposed formation in the region is the Wissahickon Formation. The oligoclase-mica schist facies of the Wissahickon is present in the study region. The oligoclase-mica schist, a medium-grained rock, is described as sparkling gray to green in color and finely plicated. The formation is believed to have been derived from the metamorphism of arkosic sediments.





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#### Groundwater

A system of joints, reported as irregularly spaced and poorly formed, provides the main openings for groundwater storage and transmission in the Wissahickon Formation. These joints tend to decrease in number and size with depth. Other secondary features, as well as the planes of schistosity, also contribute available void space. The Wissahickon is said to be a fairly good source of water, with a reported median well yield of 20 gallons per minute (gpm).

As for the porosity and permeability of the Trenton gravel, both are reported as high. Where favorable sedimentary conditions exist (e.g., a lens of sand) and where sedimentary thickness is great enough, decent well yields may be obtained; yields in excess of 1,000 gpm are reported. These deposits also act as a recharge source for the underlying bedrock.

No specific information is available for groundwater flow at this time. However, given the site location, shallow groundwater flow is expected to be southward towards the Delaware River.

(The geology and groundwater sections are from Alan R. Geyer and J. Peter Wilshusen, "Engineering Characteristics of the Rocks of Pennsylvania," 1982; and George M. Hall, "Groundwater," 1934.)

## Summary of Activities

On July 22, 1986, a non-sampling site reconnaissance of the subject site was conducted by NUS personnel and and the subject site was were accompanied by Al Hilbert, of the Riverbridge Industrial Center. The team was on site from 10:17 AM to 11:30 AM. The weather at the time of the inspection was partly sunny and hazy, with a temperature of 85°F.

#### Observations

- o The site was vegetated but not evenly graded. There were low areas that showed evidence of ponding, but which did not contain standing water.
- o There are approximately 20 to 30 piles of sand from a roofing manufacturing company in the industrial center.



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- o Two areas of asphalt disposal were observed. The asphalt is also from the roofing company. The asphalt has hardened into solid piles.
- o The site is enclosed by a fence on three sides. The fourth side of the landfill is adjacent to the Delaware River. There are two entrances to the site. The southwest entrance gate is locked, but the north entrance is open.
- o No odors, leachate seeps, or stained soils were observed on site.
- o A trench had been dug to stabilize an anchor drag on the Delaware River. No HNU readings were detected in the trench and no stained soils were noted.
- o The bulkhead along the Delaware River consists of concrete blocks piled along the slope.
- o There are no monitoring wells on site.

## **Conclusions**

A site inspection was not recommended because the site poses no threat to public health. All residents in the area are served by municipal water and are therefore not subject to potential contamination of their drinking water supplies. Industrial intakes on the Delaware River are used only for processing and are not consumed. There are no known hazardous wastes disposed of on site and no hazardous conditions were observed on site.

## Proposed Sample Plan

NUS FIT III does not recommend sampling of the subject site.

If you have any further questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Approved by,

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Environmental Technician

Assistant Manager

Manager, FIT III

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Attachments

ATTACHMENT 1

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9. SPECIFIC ELEMENTS:				10. INTERIM DEADLINES:
1.) Review background information.				
2.) Contact state and local agencies for relevant information.				
3.) Arrange for site access.				
4.) Conduct a on and off site inspection to identify potential sample locations				
(i.e., on site samples, monitoring wells, home wells, etc.).				
5.) Prepare and submit recon report including proposed sampling plan				
and rationale, if applicable.				
6.) All work on this project to be performed according to: WP-PA-1, Rev.1				
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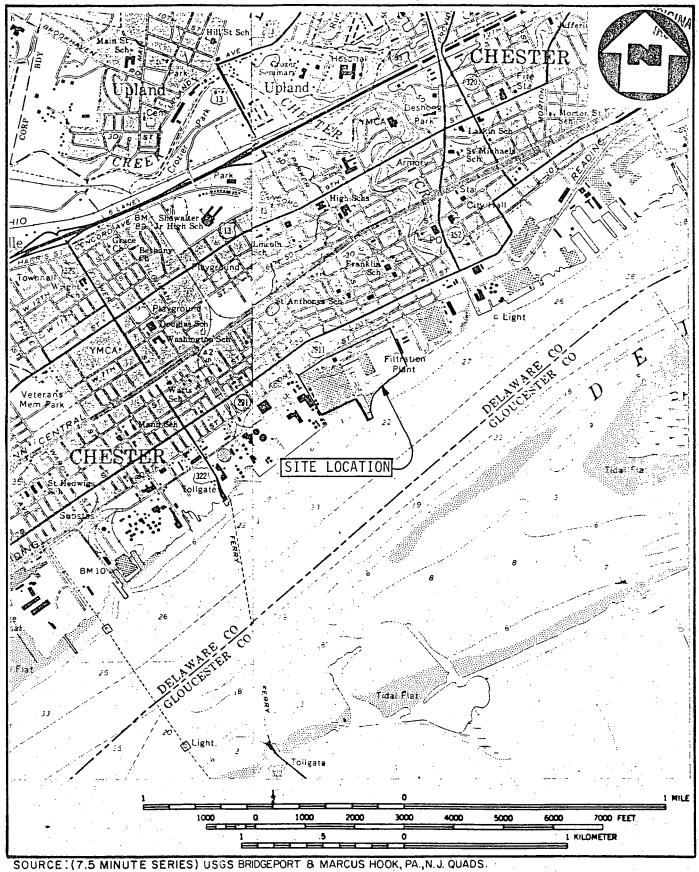
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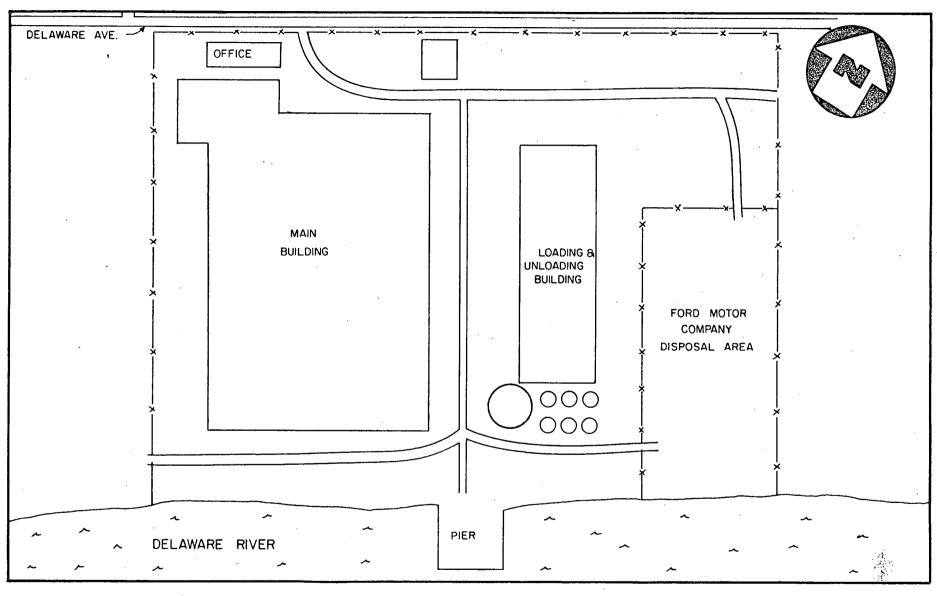
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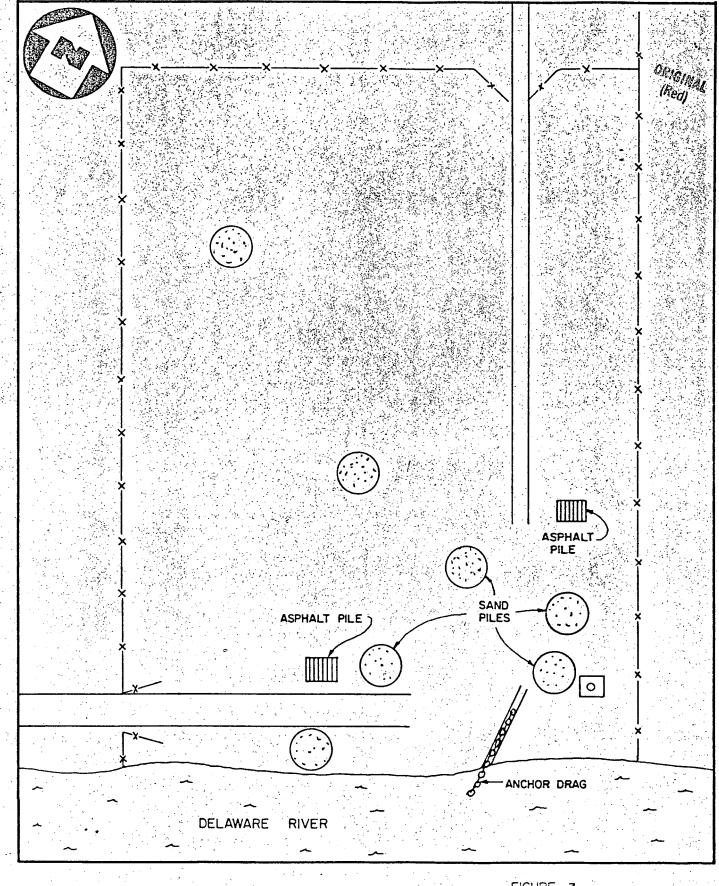
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OVERALL LAYOUT
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SITE SKETCH FORD MOTOR CO. (NO SCALE) FIGURE - 3



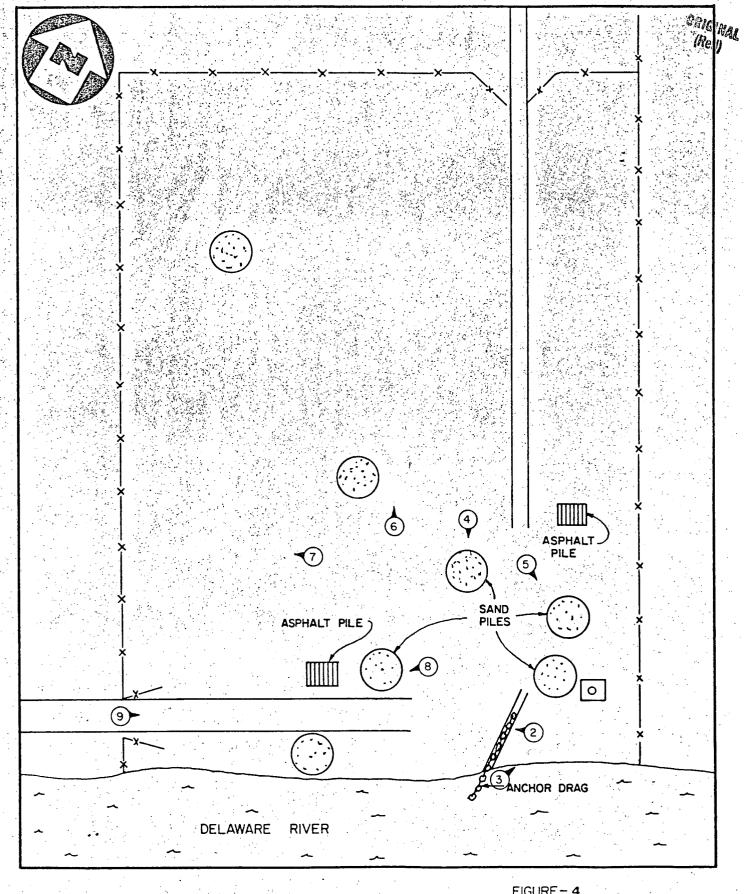


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ATTACHMENT. 3



Photo 1 Anchor trench with asphalt debris. Al



Photo 2 - Slope from pit to Delaware River.

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Anchor trench with asphalt debris.

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Photo 1 -Anchor trench with asphalt downstant

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Slope from pit to Delaware River.

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Photo 2 -Slope from pit to Delaware River.



Photo 3 and 4 - Panorama of pit.

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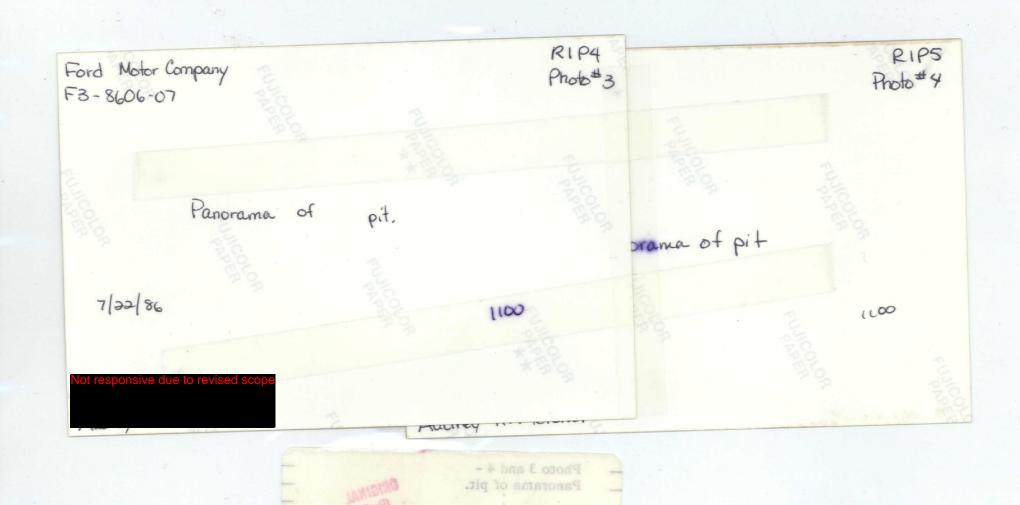




Photo 5 -North side of fill area.

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Photo 6 -View facing west towards industrial center.

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View facing west towards industrial center

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Photo 6 -View facing west towards industrial center.



Photo 7 - OxiGINAL View facing southwest and showing open entrance gate.



Photo 8 - View along access road facing northeast.

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View facing southwest and showing open entrance gate.

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View facing southwest and showing of open entrance gate,

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View along access road facing northeast,

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Photo 8 -View along access road facing northeast.